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Revenue Department Forms Advisory Committee

ATLANTA—The Georgia Department of Revenue in cooperation with the state's corporate business community has formed a 16-person advisory committee whose mission is to maintain an effective dialog between the Department and the business community regarding state tax law and administration.

The group held its initial meeting on August 4 to outline its mission and to discuss future agenda items.

"The advisory committee members represent a wide cross section of businesses which the Department must work with," said Revenue Commissioner Bart L. Graham. "I look forward to getting their input and perspectives regarding current and proposed Georgia tax laws as well as the administration of those laws."

The committee's members represent businesses that are primarily located in Georgia but have a significant presence in other states. Commissioner Graham believes this will allow the members to share with him the "best practices" from other states and provide input on how proposed tax policy is working or has worked in other locations.

The committee plans to meet at least quarterly to discuss Georgia's tax policy regarding its conformity with federal tax statutes and other state's tax laws, the cost of compliance, and the overall business environment within Georgia.

In order to provide continuity, provide fresh ideas, and differing perspectives, each member's length of service with the committee will be limited to either one or two years. There are also provisions to avoid conflicts of interest individual committee members might have when and if company unique issues are discussed.

The initial committee members are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Term Length</u>
John Allan	Jones Day	Atlanta	2 years
Susan Smith Creel	BellSouth Corporation	Atlanta	2 years
Rolston A. Dyer	The Coca-Cola Company	Atlanta	1 year
Tim Fallaw	Southern Company	Atlanta	2 years

Maria Friedman	Cox Enterprises, Inc.	Atlanta	1 year
Steve Kinsey	Flowers Industries	Thomasville, Ga.	2 years
Doug Lindholm	Council on State Taxation	Washington, D.C	2 years
Hugh McKinnon	General Motors Corporation	Detroit	1 year
Larry Nichols	Herman, Silver & Associates	Atlanta	1 year
Kelly Smith	PricewaterhouseCoopers	Atlanta	1 year
John Stagmeier	Georgia Pacific Corporation	Atlanta	2 years
Jim Taylor	Tax Executive Institute	Atlanta	1 year
Greg Weaver	SunTrust Bank	Atlanta	1 year
Bill Wood	Smith Gambrell & Russell	Atlanta	2 years
Scott Wright	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan	Atlanta	1 year
Open	Georgia Society of CPAs		2 years

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